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SUBJ: CUBAN COMMUNIST OFFICIAL VISITS PCI HEADQUARTERS

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DAILY L'UNITA JUNE 28
REPORTS A JUNE 27 VISIT TO ROME OF LIONEL SOTO, IDENTIFIED
AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST
PARTY AND AS THE HEAD OF THE GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE
FOREIGN SECTION OF THE PARTY. ACCORDING TO THE L'UNITA
ARTICLE, SOTO HAD A MEETING WITH A PCI DELEGATION LED BY
SECRETARIAT MEMBER (AND SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY COORDINATOR)
GIAN CARLO PAJETTA FOLLOWED BY A CONVERSATION WITH PCI
SECRETARY GENERAL ENRICO BERLINGUER. THE L'UNITA ACCOUNT
STATES THAT THE SOTO-PAJETTA MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A
CLIMATE QUOTE OF FRANK CORDIALITY AND FRIENDSHIP END QUOTE
AND NOTES THAT DURING THE MEETING WITH BERLINGUER THERE
WAS QUOTE AN AMPLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT. WE SURMISE THAT THE SOTO VISIT WAS DESIGNED
TO OFFER THE PCI AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE
WITH THE CUBANS WHICH PAJETTA INITIATED DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO NEW YORK FOR THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DIS-
ARMAMENT. WHILE L'UNITA REPORTS THAT THE PAJETTA-SOTO
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SESSION FOCUSED INTER ALIA ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS THAT
CHARACTERIZE THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WE
TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE CONVERSA-
TIONS IS THE PRESENT SITUATION IN AFRICA WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO ERITREA. THE FACT THAT
THE TALKS WERE DESCRIBED AS TAKING PLACE IN A CLIMATE OF
QUOTE FRANK CORDIALITY END QUOTE SUGGESTS THAT THERE WAS

NOT A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS
DISCUSSED. END COMMENT.GARDNER

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